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SUBJECT: FAHMI BASYA SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS

REF: JAKARTA 5830

1. UNIVERISTY LECTURER FAHMI BASYA, ACCUSED OF SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITY AS A MUSLIM EXTREMIST, WAS SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS
IN PRISON BY CENTRAL JAKARTA STATE COURT JUNE 21. THE
PROSECUTOR HAD EARLIER DEMANDED A TEN-YEAR SENTENCE, CHARGING
THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD INCITED PEOPLE TO ACT AGAINST
THE GOVERNMENT AND HAD EXPLOSIVES IN HIS POSSESSION. FAHMI
HAD REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO DESTROY "DENS OF INIQUITY" IN
JAKARTA BECUASE THEY WERE OFFENSIVE TO MUSLIM PRINCIPLES.

2. FAHMI REFUSED TO TESTIFY THROUGHOUT HIS TRIAL, MAIN-
TAINING THAT THE COURT HAD NO JURISDICTION OVER HIM. WHEN
ASKED BY THE JUDGE IF HE ACCEPTED THE SENTENCE, THE DEFENDANT
SAID ONLY, "HOW COULD I ACCEPT IT, EVEN IF I WERE
GUILTY?" HE WAS GIVEN ONE WEEK TO DECIDE IF HE WOULD
APPEAL THE SENTENCE, WHICH WOULD RUN FROM THE DATE OF HIS
ARREST IN SEPTEMBER 1976.

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3. COMMENT: MUSLIM LEADERS HAVE DEMONSTRATED LITTLE
CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF FAHMI, WHOSE RELIGIOUS PRO-
NOUNCEMENTS AND RADICAL VIEWS HAVE MADE HIM AN EMBARRASSMENT
TO MOST LOCAL MUSLIMS.
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